

## Miscellaneous.

### NOBLE ENTERPRISE.

*Steam Navigation of the Atlantic.*  
It seems that a number of enterprising individuals in England have determined to establish a line of steam packets between the North American Continent and Great Britain. We look upon this as the noblest enterprise of the day, and every way worthy of admiration and patronage. We give the following particulars from the N. Y. Com. Advertiser:

The company is formed by the appointment of partners and directors—the number of the first being eleven and of the latter nineteen, with power of increase. The capital is two millions of pounds sterling, in shares of 50 pounds each. The first partner is Lord Mulgrave, late Lieutenant of Ireland, and the Marquis of Lansdowne is another. The other nine are also noblemen. The bankers are the Bank of Ireland, the Provincial Bank of Ireland, Lumbrake & Co. of London, the Northern and Central Bank of England, and Messrs. Atwood and Birmingham. A charter has been obtained from the lord lieutenant of Ireland, and has been transmitted to London for his majesty's signature, which will be affixed as soon as the subscription shall have been, to a reasonable extent, filled up.

The most eligible port on the west coast of Ireland has been selected for a steamer-packet station, viz.: Ballybunion Bay, in the county of Galway, from whence it is proposed to carry a rail road, in a direct line through Athlone to Dublin. The distance is only 110 miles, and the line of country presents unusual facilities for the formation of a rail road, the country being level and containing abundance of materials necessary for the construction of the work. The average inclination throughout the whole line is 1 in 672, and is obtained without great embankments or deep cuttings, and will be entirely free from tunnels and viaducts.

The directors announce that they have an offer of as much land as will suffice for 20 miles of the rail road, the ground requisite for wharves, docks, and stores, 100 acres of building ground on the margin of Ballybunion Bay for ever, at a paper-corn rent, and the unanimous approval of the land-owners along the line.

Proprietors of five shares will be entitled to a free passage in the Company's vessels between Liverpool and Dublin; proprietors of 15 shares to a free passage on the rail road; proprietors of 30 shares, to a free passage between America and Ballybunion; and proprietors of 10 shares will be entitled to a reduction of 10 per cent. on the current freights by the steam vessels, and the charge for the carriage of goods by the rail road.

Ten thousand shares have been reserved by special agreement, for this country.

Subscribers will not be liable for more than a deposit of one pound per share (which must be paid on the allocation of the shares) until the act of Parliament for constructing the rail road is obtained; nor will they afterward be responsible for more than the amount of their respective shares, which will be called for by installments not exceeding five pounds per share at one time, and at intervals of not less than 2 months between each call.

Proprietors of the plans of the undertaking may be desired of John Davis, No. 2, Stamford Place, Liverpool, by whom applications for shares will be received, under seal, and endorsed "British and American Intercoastal Company."

[From the Boston Daily Advertiser.]

Boston, March 31.

The original of the following note from Sir John F. W. Herschel has been kindly put into my hands by the gentleman to whom it was written. Believing it would be interesting to your readers and the public, I place a copy at your disposal. Although Sir John is pleased to say that his astronomical calculations are conducted on a humble scale, yet the admirers of this truly great man entertain a very different opinion.

Believe me yours, very truly,

R. T. PAYNE.

To Capt. Caldwell, of the American ship *Leyland*, *Tell Day*:

Vedhuaser, near Wyndham, Jan. 2, 1836.

Sir John Herschel presents his compliments to Capt. Caldwell, and begs to thank him for the communication of the extraordinary and most elaborate *hors d'oeuvre* in the New York Journal of Commerce for Sep. 2, 1835, which he, Sir J. H., will be glad to be suffered to retain, partly as a curiosity, and partly as a perpetual reminder how trivial are the discoveries which all our boasted science has yet realized or is likely to reveal for ages to come, of what exists unknown and unsuspected among the realities of nature—*even those nearest at hand and possibly not quite beyond our ultimate reach*.

Sir J. H. will be happy (if Capt. Caldwell's stay at the Cape will permit) to satisfy him of a similar inspection on how very humble a scale his astronomical operations here are conducted.

A NOBLE ACT REWARDED.

We, a short time since, published the fact that a man by the name of Wood, had unexpectedly inherited the sum of £30,000 sterling bequeathed to him by some friend, so long dead.

It appears that the fortunate person is Mr. Joseph Wood of Trenton, in this state, and that the bequest was made under the following circumstances: Some years ago, the only child of an English gentleman fell overboard from a steamer boat in the Delaware, at the foot of Chestnut street wharf, Philadelphia, and would inevitably have perished, but for the promptitude of Mr. Wood, who instantly plunged into the water and with great difficulty and danger succeeded in restoring the child to the arms of his agonized parents. Repeated and liberal offers of reward have since been made to Mr. Wood, which were constantly refused by him, on the ground that he had done no more than his duty, and the consciousness that a worthy action, carried with it its own reward.

The gentleman, however, who recently died could not forget the noble disinterested conduct of the pre-saver of his child's life; and on opening his will it was found to contain the above magnificent bequest of which Mr. Wood had been duly apprised.

*New Jersey Gazette.*

THE DEAD ALIVE.

*The Mother or Eustace the Post.*—There is a remarkable circumstance connected with the history of Ralph Eustace, a fact well authenticated in the part of Scotland where his family lived. His Mother died and was buried before he was born. She wore on her finger at the time of her death a rich gold ring, which, from some don-sue cause or other, was much valued by the family. After the body was laid in the coffin, no attempt was made to move the ring, but the hand and finger was so much

swollen that it was found impossible. It was proposed to cut off the finger, but the husband's fingers remained at the joint. She was therefore buried with the ring on her finger. The sexton who was aware of the fact, formed a resolution to possess himself of the ring. Accordingly on the same night, he opened the grave and coffin. Having no scruples about cutting off the finger of a dead woman, he provided himself with a sharp knife for that purpose. He lifted the skull and, made an incision by the joint of the finger. The blood flowed, and the woman rose and sat in her coffin! The grave digger fled with affright, while the lady made her way from her narrow tenement, and walked back to the door of her dwelling where she stood without and knocked for admittance. Her husband, who was a minister, sat conversing with a friend. When the knock was repeated, he observed, "I wonder if that was my wife in the grave." He hastily rose and opened the door. There stood his dear companion, wrapped in her grave shroud, and her uplifted finger dropping blood. "My Margaret," he exclaimed. "The same, said she, your dear wife, in her own proper person—do not be alarmed!"

Many, very many, I firmly believe, have been buried alive but few like her return to tell the tale. The lady in question, however, lived seven or eight years after the occurrence, and became the mother of several children, among whom was the poet above spoken of.

## The Advertiser.

EDGEFIELD D. C. H.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 1836.

### FLORIDA.

What shall we say under this head? By some strange fatality there is a perfect dearth of news. Romeo says that Scott is pushing ahead after the tale. The lady in question, however, lived seven or eight years after the occurrence, and became the mother of several children, among whom was the poet above spoken of.

### SOUTHERN AGRICULTURIST.

We have received the April No. of the Southern Agriculturist, published by A. C. Miller at Charleston. We have had frequent occasion to extract from its columns, and can entreat no stronger recommendation to its patronage of our readers. It is that kind of Periodical which is peculiarly adapted to the great mass of our people. Every man in the community is deeply interested in its success, and we trust that the prosperity will sustain it literally.

### GUR MALS.

Justice to ourselves and to a portion of our subscribers requires that we should say a word in relation to the Mail arrangements of this place.—Three weeks have elapsed, since the Northern Stage was taken from us. We saw the order of the Post Master General to the Post Master of this place. He said that we should have a tri-weekly Horse Mail, from this point to some point on the new road. Amazing goodness! Too good to be true. He has either now come to the conclusion, that he was promising too much for his disaffected Province, or his Agent has violated his trust. In either event, the consequences are the same to us. A portion of our Subscribers on the Sabina side of the District, have ever since been deprived of their paper. Our only channel of mail communication with them, is through Georgia, and we have repeatedly endeavored to avail ourselves of it. But this is denied us, for those who resorted sent back to this Post Office. We can do no more. We ask the favor of some friend whom business may lead into that neighborhood, to make this explanation to our Friends, as we have not the least hope, under the present arrangement, that they will see our paper.

### BANK OF HAMBURG, S. C.

At a meeting of the Stockholders of the Bank of Hamburg, the following gentlemen were duly elected Directors and Officers of that Institution.

#### WYATT STARKE, W. GARDEN,

J. HUTCHINSON, CHAS. HAMMOND, JR.

JAMES HOWARD, WHITE, BROS.,

GEO. PARROT, N. L. GOFFIN,

JOHN E. McDONALD, JOHN BAUSSETT,

TERESA GODSMITH, P. H. WARDLAW,

B. F. MCNAUL.

#### OFFICERS.

W. W. STARKE, PRESIDENT,

HURAM HUTCHINSON, CASHIER.

We are informed that the Bank will be in operation by the opening of the Fall season. At that time, it is the intention of the Directors to settle of plenty (of Hamburg Bills) o'er the smiling land.

We ask not for them the *patronage* of the People. Their heavy *specie deposit* will command it.

#### MR. CALHOUN'S SPEECH.

We promised in our last, to give to our readers in the present number, Mr. Calhoun's Speech upon the right of secession. We have done so—and like everything else from the mind of that great man it is conclusive. His argument upon the right of secession, appears to us, perfectly irresistible. He completely demolishes the sophistry of Mr. Pinckney and others, and places the Congress of the Nation upon the only basis on which it can stand, to secure its own rights, and its own dignity.

To us, it seems, that but few of our politicians understand the philosophy of our System; or if they understand it, they have not the honesty and the independence to act upon their convictions.

In these times of false axioms and sophistical subtleties, we love indeed to witness an honest effort of a great mind. We are carried back to the age of the Gracian Sophists, who assuming to themselves all wisdom, aimed to establish a system upon the wildest and most corrupt principles, but whose very name has been but a term of reproach with all succeeding generations. Maintaining that the minority had no rights, that the strength was the only law, that fraud and robbery were innocent, and that self denial was crime, doing all this too at a period of high refinement, and indicating the lessons of their wicked philosophy, with a beauty and eloquence of manner and diction, which won the applause of the listening multitudes; well indeed may we say, that the present period affords a striking analogy, if not a perfect parallel. We do not believe that Mr. Pinckney has gone to this extent in his sophistry. Heaven forbid, that we should charge him with embracing all the horrible doctrines of this accursed school. But we believe his reasons not the less sophistical, on that account. Mr. Calhoun has demonstrated, with a clearness that it is said, he looks ten years older than at the commencement of the Session.

the democratic States of Greece, at the period to which we have referred, the *sophistical party* of our day are destined, to run the whole length and breadth of the abominable doctrine to which we have alluded, time alone will tell. Fortune indeed is for us, and for the institutions of the country, that we too have a Socrates, from whose lips to catch the lessons of true wisdom and prudence.

### PROFESSOR DEW.

To the kindness of Professor Dew, of William and Mary College, we are indebted for a copy of his Address, "On the influence of the Federal Republican system of Government upon Literature and the development of character." We wish that we could publish it, but its great length forbids us. To say that it is able, would be but faint praise. It is masterly, it is almost unequalled, certainly not surpassed by any thing of the kind, which we have read. The subject presents a most interesting field of enquiry, and the results are most gratifying to Americans, and especially to the citizens of the Slaveholding States. He has rendered indeed a most essential service to the world. He has demonstrated that the Federal Republican system, is the only system which can develop the high and noble qualities of the human intellect. Carrying his reader from age to age, from nation to nation, he lassos by the records of history, that Republics have always been the nursery of the noble and more useful branches of knowledge, moral, mental, religious, and political, while the patronage of the times has always clipped the wings of philosophy, and arrested the growth of science and the progress of the arts. Nor is this all. He has most triumphantly undermined the peculiar Institutions of the South, and proved that our state of society is better adapted to ward off the evils which are so destructive to morals, to mind and to liberty, than any which has ever existed. Let the reader bear in mind, that it is indispensable to our success, to preserve our Government in its purity and purity. Ours is an Union of separate, independent, Republican States, each possessing the attributes of Sovereignty perfect within itself, with the exception of the small portion which was delegated, when they formed the Federal Union. This is the true nature of our Government, and upon it alone depend all our bright anticipations of the future. In the language of the eloquent author, "if ever our State Institutions be overthrown, and the concentration of all the powers into one central Government shall mould this system of Republics into one grand consolidated Empire, then will the instant greatest evil which can beset our country, have arrived." Again we thank Professor Dew for this powerful defence of our Institutions, and we most cordially recommend his article to all who can command it.

### CONGRESS.

From the last accounts, the greedy majority were pushing their schemes with almost incredible ferocity. The Bills for the admission of Michigan and Arkansas were passed. The Post Master General has made known to Congress that there is a \$10,000 deficiency in the old Administration.

It is a matter of great interest to all, to know who is to blame for this. Benton is driving hard after money. He wishes to be taken to ensure a bountiful supply of bullion to the United States Mint. Mr. Calhoun's Bill for stopping the circulation of incendiary publications was the special order, on the 5th inst. It was laid on the table for that day. Benton is doing his best for the Extinguishing Resolutions. Their discussion was suspended after Mr. Leigh's able speech against them. Mr. Wise, in his House, proposed a Resolution of inquiry into the alleged misconduct of the Deposit Banks, and of a certain Reuben M. Whitney. It seems, like every thing else from the Virginia member, to have excited quite a general commotion. Mr. Storer has, in Harbin style, been applying the butcher knife to Mr. Hawes. He is said to have stoned it.

We do not know that our readers will be impressed by any further allusion at present, to Congressional proceedings. There is not much in it to gratify the heart of the patriot. Its present history is little else than the history of a reckless, despotic minority, acting without responsibility, and doing whatever, in their sovereignty they may think proper. All their legislation aims at a particular purpose; to place the Baltimore nominees in the Presidential Chair.

This is their great principle of cohesion, and on all the abstract and diversified questions of national policy, may, in the details of a City Corporation, or the regulations of a petty county, in any thing and every thing, great or small, but one opinion is entertained by the party. Our readers we believe, care little about having the disgusting journal of their proceedings spread before them. We will make but *allusions* generally, and when we can serve up a wholesome dish upon their tables, we will do it. They may eat freely of that which we have prepared for them to day. It can do no harm.

John Randolph once said, that Ben Hardin, of Kentucky, was a butcher knife, whetted upon a briar-root. What do Adams, Cambreling, Polk, and Johnson think of this? He has handled these gentlemen, this Session, with gloves off. In the whole annals of Congressional history, we doubt whether a like instance of *rude dealing*, can be produced.

It will be remembered, that at an early period of the Session, Mr. Adams, with the view of helping Cambreling and conciliating "the powers that be," jumped up suddenly with a Resolution, to refer so much of the President's Message as relates to the loss of the Fortification Bill, to a Select Committee, instructed to enquire into the matter. It was on this occasion, after a most outrageous assault upon Webster and the Senate, and an audacious strain of Jackson & Co. of most wicked length, in the course of which he contradicted almost every thing which he had ever said, that the Kentucky butcher knife was applied to him, and his new associates. Adams, Cambreling, & Co. writhed in agony, and it is said, that never were men writhed with circumstances of more barbarity, and never did men die with more gracelessness. Ben Hardin, as Randolph calls him, will long be remembered.

He denounced the league between Adams and Cambreling, brought home to the rhetorical Executive his shameful treacherousness, asked for clemency of Heaven, for ever having supported him, and with a success scarce equalled by Lord Culver, or our own Col. Miller, mimicked him in his manner and his diction, and the convulsive and despatching laughter of the whole House.—And poor Cambreling! Hardin and Wise have so trounced him, that it is said, he looks ten years older than at the commencement of the Session.

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Poor Adams! Early association, by gone days, in spite of his weakness and his follies, have elicited for him a portion of sympathy. His Resolution now sleeps the sleep of death, as if not entombed with it, we beg that the butcher knife may not again be applied, but that in quiet, he may be permitted to dole out his inglorious and infame old age.

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